(c) whether Government has made any such assessment about the fall in agricultural production due to division of labour from farmlands to other schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether Government has any plan to make such study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (e) Production of major agricultural crops in the country shows increase during the last three years *i.e.* during 2005-06 to 2007-08 as shown below:

(Million tonnes)

Crop	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08*
Foodgrains	208.60	217.28	230.67
Oilseeds	27.98	24.29@	28.83
Sugarcane	281.17	355.52	340.56@
Cotton #	18.50	22.63	25.81

@ Production declined due to decline in area.

* Fourth advance estimates released on 9.7.2008

Production in million bales of 170kg/each

As such, the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme which has been operational since February 2006 and other schemes do not seem to have any adverse impact on the agricultural production in the country. Based on requirement, Government makes assessment of various schemes from time to time.

Oilseed production in A.P.

793. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance is being provided by the Union Government for increasing oilseeds production in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made thereon;

(c) whether all the districts of the State are covered under the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, the Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) in 14 major oilseeds, growing States including Andhra Pradesh for increasing area, production and productivity of oilseeds. Under the scheme, assistance is provided for supply of critical inputs *viz;* distribution of certified seeds, demonstration, plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipment, irrigation pipes, weedicides, rhyzobium culture, gypsum, sprinkler sets, water carrying pipes, improved farm implement and micro - nutrients etc. through State Departments of Agriculture. The assistance is also provided for

purchase of breeder seeds, production of foundation and certified seeds of oilseeds, transfer of technology through demonstrations, infrastructure development for seeds production etc.

An amount of Rs.2500.00 lakh has been released to the State of Andhra Pradesh during 2008-09 under ISOPOM. The State of Andhra Pradesh has achieved the production of 18.54 lakh tonnes of oilseeds during Kharif 2008-09 (First Advance Estimates).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The scheme of ISOPOM is being implemented in all the districts of the State *Viz;* Srikakulam, Vizia Nagaram, Vishakhapatnam, East Godawari, West Godawari, Krishna, Guntur, Prakasham, Nellore, Kurnool, Ananathpur, Kadapa, Chittoor, Rangareddy, Nizamabad, Medak, Maboobnagar, Nalgonda, Warangal, Khammam, Karimnagar and Adilabad.

(e) Question does not arise.

Growth rate in agriculture production

794. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that growth in agriculture is considerably weak compared to the growth in non-agricultural sector for the last two years;

(b) if so, the steps taken to increase the agricultural production to rectify the above;

(c) if so, the growth rate in agricultural production and areas of non-agricultural growth for the last five years, year-wise and category-wise; and

(d) the production and rate of growth of foodgrain crops and non-foodgrain crops for last five years, year-wise, crop-wise, foodgrain-wise, non-foodgrain-wise, and category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) According to the data compiled by Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), growth rates of agriculture & allied, mining, manufacturing, electricity & construction and services sectors during the last two years are as given below:

[at constant (1999-2000) prices]

Industry/ Sector	2006-07	2007-08
Agriculture & allied	3.8	4.5
Mining, manufacturing, electricity & construction	11.0	8.5
Services	11.1	10.8

Towards improving the growth in the agriculture sector, Government has taken the following steps:

- Launched the National Food Security Mission with an outlay of Rs.4,882 crore for the Eleventh Plan period (2007-08 to 2011-12). It aims to produce additional 10 million tonnes of rice, 8 million tonnes of wheat and 2 million tonnes of pulses by the end of the Eleventh Plan.